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NOTICE OF DECISION
Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Project
USDA Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Columbine Ranger District
La Plata County, Colorado

A Draft Decision Notice regarding the projects analyzed in the Purgatory Ice Creek Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed and is available for review and download on the project webpage at:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57877. The contents of the Draft Decision Notice are also summarized and available for review using a multi-media summary at: https://arcg.is/00bfj0.

Based on analysis presented in the EA, the Draft Decision Notice identifies the proposed action as the selected alternative. The specific elements of the selected alternative are described in detail in the Draft Decision Notice. The approved Ice Creek project includes the installation of the Ice Creek lift and permanent access roads to the lift terminals; the construction of four ski trails to create the Ice Creek ski terrain; and the reroute of the existing snowmobile bypass trail.

Filing an Objection

The Draft Decision Notice for the Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Project EA is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR § 218.8 (Project-level components objection), subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written or substantive formal comments regarding the approved project during a comment period in accordance with 36 CFR § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted, timely, and specific written or substantive formal comments regarding the approved project, unless based on additional information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be submitted by one of the following ways: Mail, hand, or express delivery:

Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 1617 Cole Blvd. Building 17, Golden, CO 80401

Fax:

(303) 275-5134 to the attention of Objections

Online:

https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=57877

Email:

r02admin_review@fs.fed.us

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this legal notice in the Durango Herald. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. Additional information on the project-level pre-decisional administrative review process can be found in the Draft Decision Notice and at 36 CFR § 218.8.

For additional information regarding this decision or the objection process, contact Jed Botsford, Recreation Program Staff, at jed.botsford@usda.gov or (970) 884-1436.

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